Demonstration by the All India Bank Employees' Association at Boat Club in New Delhi

248. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI J. P. GOYAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the bank employees under the banner of the All India Bank Employees' Association held a demonstration at the Boat Club in New Delhi on March 27, 1987;

(b) whether Government have received any memorandum from them regarding their demands;

(c) if so, whether their demands were mainly in connection with the steps to be taken by Government for improving the banking industry's health and growth and for the attainment of the objectives of nationalisation; and

(d) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Suggestions are received by Government from different quarters, including Unions/Associations of bank employees, which seek to bring about an improvement in the working of our banks. All such suggestions are kept in view by the Govt./RBI while formulating policies on major aspects of banks' operations and are incorporated in the policies wherever considered desirable and practicable.

12.00 NOON

RE. NON-PRESENCE OF PRIME MINISTER ON 15TH APRIL, 1987 TO REPLY TO POINTS RAISED DURING CALLING ATTENTION DEBATE

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Dipen Ghosh.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH (West Bengal): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I want to draw your attention to a particular fact that yesterday while taking part in the discussion on a Calling Attention Motion, I raised certain questions specifically to be answered by the Prime Minister. When Members from the other side objected, you had given a ruling and I quote from the proceedings: "Why are you objecting? Look here, the Prime Minister is coming to the House. He is going to participate." His questions are addressed to the Prime Minister. The Prime Minister will take care. "Again they objected." Then you said, I quote: "..the Prime Minister can take care of himself much better than you can take." Sir, at the end of the discussion when I saw that the Prime Minister was not still present in the House, I requested the Prime Minister to remain present and reply to the questions which I raised. I was even agreeable that the discussion on that item could be adjourned till the availability of the Prime Minister. It could have been adjourned till today. At a point of time I was given to understand that he would be available around 7.15 p.m. but before that the Minister of State for Finance was called upon to give the replies to the discussion and amidst protests the House was declared adjourned. So. ...(*Interruptions*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: All of you keep silent please. We are trying to solve the problem. You are trying to create a problem. Please be silent.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Sir, it appears by not coming to this House, the Prime Minister had betrayed his scant regard not only to Parliament but also to the ruling of the Chairman. (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA (Andhra Pradesh): Sir, the Prime Minister will reply. Why they are shouting? (*Interruptions*).